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FOLLOWING REPEAT DAMASCUS 7859 ACTION SECSTATE DEC 21

QUOTE: S E C R E T DAMASCUS 7859

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FOR INR SAUNDERS

E. O. 11652: XLT
TAGS: US IS EG XF
SUBJ: BRIEFING ON PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S VISIT

REF: STATE 301494

1. AM I RIGHT IN ASSUMING THAT MATERIAL CONTAINED REFTEL
ON PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S VISIT IS ALL WE INTEND PASS TO
SYRIANS? IN MEETING WITH DEPFONMIN AL-KHANI DEC 21 HE SAID
HE HAD SEEN TRANSCRIPT OF BRIEFING I HAD GIVEN
KHADDAM DECEMBER 19 BUT ASSUMED IN LIGHT OF DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS YESTERDAY THAT WE WOULD BE PASSING
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ON BEGIN'S SPECIFIC PROPOSALS. I REPLIED I DID NOT BELIEVE
WE INTENDED TO GET INTO SPECIFICS AT THIS TIME. HE
ASKED IF WE HAD GIVEN BEGIN'S PROPOSALS TO THE SOVIETS.
I SAID MY UNDERSTANDING, ON THE BASIS OF NEWS REPORTS,
WAS THAT WE HAD DISCUSSED VISIT WITH SOVIETS BUT WAS NOT INFORMED
RE EXTENT OF DETAIL WE HAD FURNISHED.

2. AP STRINGER LOUIS FARES TOLD POLOFF DECEMBER 21, THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR MET WITH FONMIN KHADDAM EVENING OF DECEMBER 20 TO DISCUSS CURRENT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. SOVIET AMBASSADOR APPARENTLY PROMISED KHADDAM TO REQUEST COPY OF BEGIN'S PROPOSAL WHICH USG HAD PASSED TO SOVIETS. AMBASSADOR ANTICIPATED REPLY FROM MOSCOW WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS. ACCORDING TO FARES, SYRIANS WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT USG HAD NOT INFORMED THEM DIRECTLY OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS BEGIN MADE.

3. COMMENT: IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE MOST EMBARRASSING TO ME IF SOVIET AMBASSADOR TURNS OVER DETAILS FURNISHED MOSCOW BY US WHICH WE HAVE NOT BEEN PREPARED TO FURNISH DIRECTLY TO SYRIANS.

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